LASER VAGO CLASS – ISAF RECOGNISED CLASS APPLICATION

A submission on behalf of the Laser Vago UK Class Association.

PROPOSAL

To adopt the Laser Vago as an ISAF Recognised Class.

REASONS

The Dutch Sailing Federation have recommended the Laser Vago to all Sailing Schools and Clubs in the Netherlands. The Dutch Sailing Federation require the Laser Vago to gain ISAF Recognised Status in November 2009.

The Recognised status will help support the ongoing development of the Laser Vago class. There is already a requirement for formal Class Associations and organised class racing. The Laser Vago is already well established worldwide and it is felt that ISAF Recognition would give the class the boost that it requires.

The application comes with the following supporting documentation:

ISAF Regulation 26.2.1

(a) An Active Class/Owners Association

There is currently only an active Class Association for the Laser Vago in the UK. However there is provision for new Laser Vago Class Associations in the Netherlands, Italy, France and Spain.

(b) A Class Constitution

The Laser Vago Constitution is enclosed.

(c) Class Rules

The Laser Vago Class Rules have been prepared to the ISAF Standard Class Rules format. The rules were formed with the assistance of the ISAF Secretariat Technical department. A copy of the rules is enclosed.

(d) A list of Registered Boat Owners

A list of worldwide distribution of all sold Laser Vagos is enclosed.

(e) Qualification Numbers

For recognised status at a Length Overall of up to 5.0 m require a minimum of 20 boats in at least four countries and over 100 boats
distributed worldwide. The enclosed list of distribution verifies that the class meets this requirement.

(f) A Unique Aspect of Sailing

It is requested that the Equipment Committee waive the requirements of 26.2.1 (e)(ii) in terms of the number of the required number of Member National Authorities. The UK is the only country with a Member National Authority. The current Chairman is Paul Welch. Paul co-ordinates the class programme and in 2009 has offered the class a variety of racing and training events.

There is not another active Member National Authority representing the Vago in Europe as the boats are predominantly owned by sailing schools and sailing clubs.

(g) Application Fee

The application fee for the ISAF Council is enclosed.

(h) Constitution and Class Rules available on the ISAF Website

As soon as the Constitution and Class Rules for the Laser Vago are approved, we would be happy for them to be made available via the ISAF website.

ISAF Regulations 26.3

(a) LaserPerformance owns the trademark ‘Laser Vago' as it pertains to:

(i) 'Boats; sailing boats; racing dinghies and parts and fittings for sailing boats included in class 12' as defined under the International Trade Mark Class 12,

and

(ii) 'Sails; rigging ' as defined under the International Trade Mark Class 22. The protection includes registered and un registered rights. No restrictions are know.

(b) There is no external licensed builder of the Laser Vago.

(c) The average retail price for a Laser Vago, excluding sails is £2896.52. The suggested 0.4\% fee to ISAF would therefore calculate at £11.59 per boat.

(d) A new sail number sticker will be created with the ISAF Logo. This will be created using the Laser sail number sticker as a template. A sequentially
numbered plaque will be included in each boats document pack that is received at the time of purchase. A list of plaque numbers will then be sent to ISAF each year at an agreed period, but we would suggest quarterly. A measurement certificate will also be created, again using the Laser measurement certificate as a template. Each boat will be issued with a measurement certificate at the time of purchase.

(e) Please see the supporting letter of acceptance of the ISAF Constitution, Rules and Regulations from Paul Welch (GBR), Pietro Negri (ITA) and Remco Kenbeek (NED).

ISAF Regulations 26.4

26.4. It is the intention of LaserPerformance to facilitate the UK National Members Authority and our key dealers in Europe in the organisation of a World Championships before the end of the European Summer 2010, Remco Kenbeek and Pietro Negri will be key to the delivery of this event.

26.4.1 If applicable, we would welcome an ISAF appointed representative to be present to assess the class both in terms of participation and organisation at our first World Championships for the Laser Vago.

26.4.2 If the election of class officers has not taken place, the election will take place during the World Championships.